



# GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Mr. Mau:

In reference to your October 2, 1984 letter (Ser 11418/12130) providing our Agency with the scope of work for confirmation study of IAS sites on Navy properties in Guam, my staff have reviewed this document and find it acceptable. However, we would like to make the following recommendations in the scope of work.


1. The groundwater samples to be collected from the NAS Sanitary Landfill, NACAMS Finegayan Landfills #1 and #2 should be collected on a quarterly basis for at least one full year (four quarters).
2. The Verification Step Draft, Characterization Step Draft, Feasibility Draft, and Summary Draft Final Reports should also be submitted to our Agency as part of the review cycle.

Please be advised that we are supportive of the intent of the IAS in identifying and controlling environmental contamination from past methods of storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous substances on presently owned U.S. Navy lands within the Territory. However, we are concerned that the IAS does not address environmental contamination on former Naval lands which have been released to private individuals and the Government of Guam.

Over the past year, our Agency has identified numerous actual and potential contamination problems, resulting from past Naval operations, on presently owned Government and private lands. Several of these contamination problems have been referred to Federal EPA under the "Superfund" program and will require the Department of Defense to fully assess and mitigate identified problems at these sites.

In this regard, I am requesting that the present IAS also address these potential environmental contamination problems on former Naval lands. We have completed initial assessments for several sites which require further confirmation study. I will be available, as well as my staff, to further discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Administrator

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